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SUBJ: NEWSMAN'S HOUSE MACHINE GUNNED

1. THE HOUSE OF HOY DIRECTOR MARIO VARGAS WAS MACHINE GUNNED BY UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS IN EARLY MORNING HOURS OF APRIL 26. VARGAS AND HIS FAMILY WERE UNHARMED, BUT TWO WATCHDOGS WERE SHOT TO DEATH. IN COMMENTING ON THE INCIDENT VARGAS STATED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE INCIDENT WAS PERSONAL AS HE HAD NO PERSONAL ENEMIES NOR WAS HE INVOLVED IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, HE OPINED THAT THE MACHINE GUNNING WAS "AN IRRESPONSIBLE ACT OF POLICE AUTHORITIES WHO WERE POSSIBLY SEEKING SOME WELL-KNOWN POLITICIAN". MININTERIOR OFFICIALS REJECTED THAT ACCUSATION, STATING THAT NO POLICE FUNCTIONARIES WERE INVOLVED AND PROMISING A FULL INVESTIGATION.

2. COMMENT: A NATIONAL POLICE OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT MININTERIOR OFFICIALS WERE IN THE PROCESS OF RAIDING A NEARBY POLITICAN'S HOUSE WHEN THE POLICE FIRED IN ATTEMPT TO FRIGHTEN POLITICAN, WHO WAS ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE, INTO SUBMISSION,
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CARELESSLY HIT HOUSE OF CARGAS. WE INFORMED THAT MININTERIOR

ARCE HAS PERSONALLY APOLOGIZED TO VARGAS FOR INCIDENT.
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